

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: John A. Russo
City Manager

Date: June 21, 2011

Re: Approve a Fourth Amendment to Agreement for Welcome Transport Group
to Provide Paratransit Taxi Services

BACKGROUND

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires transit agencies to offer equivalent paratransit service for persons certified as unable to drive or take public transit. Paratransit services must be made available to eligible users within 3/4 mile of the existing fixed transit routes during normal operating hours. In Alameda, the mandated paratransit service is provided by East Bay Paratransit (EBP).

Measure B, the Alameda County half-cent sales tax for transportation, provides a dedicated funding source for non-mandated, locally based paratransit services for people with disabilities and non-disabled seniors. The City uses these funds to provide supplemental paratransit services to address service gaps and to provide additional non-mandated services. The City's paratransit taxi service is part of this program and includes the Medical Return Trip Improvement Program (MRTIP) and the Premium Taxi Service Program. MRTIP provides free taxi trips to EBP-certified riders when returning home from medical appointments in Alameda County, and the Premium Taxi Service provides a 50 percent discount on taxi rides for eligible residents using the City's transportation providers.

Welcome Transport Group has been one of the City's taxi providers since 2009 and has performed satisfactorily. The term of the current contract will expire on June 30, 2011.

DISCUSSION

Welcome Transport Group and the City desire to extend the term of the contract for an additional year for an amount not to exceed \$45,000 and to include the ability to extend the contract for an additional five years based on satisfactory performance of all aspects of the contract. Since the total cumulative contract amount, with all amendments, results in a total contract of \$118,000, this amendment requires City Council approval. The Fourth Amendment to Agreement includes the following revisions:

1. Modify Section 1 "Term" to clarify that the agreement shall commence on the 1st day of July, 2011, and shall terminate on the 30th day of June, 2012, unless terminated earlier as set forth herein; and that this contract may be mutually amended on a year-by-year basis, for up to five additional years, based on satisfactory performance of all aspects of this contract. The Public Works Director may submit written notice that the contract is to be extended at the same terms and costs as the existing contract, except as provided herein. The unit prices for any contract amendment(s) to this agreement shall be adjusted by the Construction Cost Index for the San Francisco Bay Area reported in the Engineering News Record for the trades associated with the work from the date of the original bid opening to the estimated date of the proposed amendment(s).
2. Modify Section 2 "Compensation to Contractor" to clarify that the Fourth Amendment to Agreement shall not exceed \$45,000.

Staff proposes to award a contract amendment to Welcome Transport Group for a total amount of \$45,000, including contingencies. A copy of the Fourth Amendment to Agreement is on file in the City Clerk's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Paratransit Taxi Service will be funded through the Transportation Services - Paratransit Program (Fund 287-4225287). There is no impact to the General Fund.

MUNICIPAL CODE/POLICY DOCUMENT CROSS REFERENCE

The City's Paratransit Program supports the General Plan Objective 4.1.5 "Consider the transportation needs of the community, including those with limited mobility options", and the General Plan Policy 4.1.5.b: "Continue to support the Paratransit program."

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is Statutorily Exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061. Review for Exemption, because the project has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

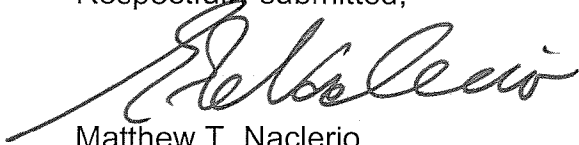
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RECOMMENDATION

Approve a Fourth Amendment to Agreement for Welcome Transport Group to provide Paratransit Taxi Services.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew T. Naclerio
Public Works Director

By,



Gail Payne
Transportation Coordinator

Approved as to funds and account,



Fred Marsh
Controller

Exhibit:

1. Fourth Amendment to Agreement – on file in the City Clerk's office